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ESTERS OF 5-AMINOLEVULINIC ACID AS PHOTOSENSITIZING

AGENTS IN PHOTOCHEMOTHERAPY

PROPOSED INFORMAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

As requested by Examiner Robert Deemie, during a phone conversation on September 14, 1999 between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney Robert Harris (Reg. No. 37,346), the following proposed informal amendment is submitted for consideration.

IN THE CLAIMS

EXAMINE AMENDATION

28. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective diagnostic or therapeutic amount of a compound of formula I

R₂²N-CH₂COCH₂-CH₂CO-OR¹

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wherein, R¹ is alkyl; and each R² is independently hydrogen or alkyl; wherein each alkyl of R¹ and R² is optionally substituted by hydroxy, alkoxy, acyloxy, alkoxycarbonyloxy, amino, aryl, oxo or fluoro groups and is optionally interrupted by oxygen atoms; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; together with at least one pharmaceutical carrier or excipient.